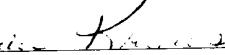


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2002, Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-11), which are drawn to an acid-modified fiber product.

This election is made without prejudice to presenting the non-elected claims in a divisional application(s). Specifically, while Applicants make the election indicated herein, Applicants maintain the option to file a divisional application directed to claims of Group II, drawn to paper product containing an acid-treated fiber product; and/or to Group III, drawn to a food composition containing an acid-treated fiber material.

Respectfully submitted,

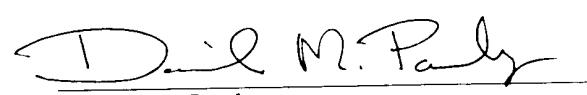
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